

DAAS Administrative Letter No. 05-2

To: County Managers

Subject: SFY 05-06 County Funding for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG); SFY 03-04 County Data Packets; and SFY 05-06 HCCBG Budget Instructions and Forms

Date: February 15, 2005

Attached, please find the following:

1. SFY 05-06 Home and Community Care Block Grant funding for your county.
2. County Data Packet for your county that details SFY 03-04 community based services on behalf of older adults through the NC Department of Health and Human Services and transportation services funded through the NC Department of Transportation.

SFY 05-06 County Home and Community Care Block Grant Instructions and updated formats will be available on the Division of Aging and Adult Services website **no later than March 1, 2005**. The address for the Division website is www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/. Within the website proceed to *County Budget Instructions* under the topic index.

Current projected SFY 05-06 federal and state funding available for the Home and Community Care Block Grant is essentially unchanged from SFY 04-05 funding levels and variances in funding to specific counties are due largely to adjustments in the HCCBG Intrastate Funding Formula that were made through the review of the formula this past summer. While no changes were made to existing Intrastate Funding Formula factors and weights (age 60+ general population (50%); age 60+ low income (30%); age 60 + minority (10%); and age 60+ rural (10%)), funding distribution through the formula incorporate the following adjustments:

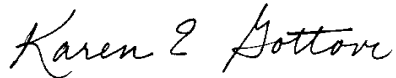
- Formula factors reflect the most accurate data available, as required by the federal Older Americans Act. Updated data is based upon the 2000 Census;
- Base funding to counties is increased from \$42,930 to \$60,000; and
- Through the formula, all counties will receive no less than 95% of SFY 04-05 HCCBG funding.

These revisions to the Intrastate Funding Formula were recommended by a formula review advisory committee consisting of county commissioners, area agency on aging directors, lead regional organization executive directors, local service providers and older consumers. The updated formula was presented at a public hearing in October, 2004.

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Please contact your area agency on aging director with any questions concerning the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen E. Gottovi".

Karen E. Gottovi, Director
Division of Aging and Adult Services

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Attachment

cc: Area Agency on Aging Directors
 Chairman, County Board of Commissioners (letter only)
 County Department of Health Directors (letter only)
 County Department of Social Services Directors (letter only)
 Local Aging Service Providers (letter only)
 DAAS Staff